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1999 Common School Fund allocations set

Districts receive \$11.64 per child for library materials

School districts are again sharing \$14.3 million in Common School Fund Library Aid allocations, which because of an increase in the number of school-age children causes a slight decline in the per child allocation from last year.

A school district's allocation is based on the number of children between 4 and 20 years of age living in the school district on the preceding June 30 as counted in the school census. This year's

census counted 1,228,073 children, meaning districts received \$11.64 per child for library materials, a decline of 9 cents from last year's allocation of \$11.73 per child. Because not all of the children counted in the school census attend public schools, the average library aid payment per student enrolled in public schools is \$16.22, based on the 1997-98 total enrollment of 881,720.

The Common School Fund is a special

state-managed fund that provides loans to school districts and municipalities. Interest earned on loans from the more than \$300 million fund provides allocations for library aid and block grants for the state's TEACH program. The 1997-99 state budget capped the amount of interest from the Common School Fund which could be distributed as library aid at \$14.3 million and took the remainder of available money to help fund the block grant portion of the TEACH Wisconsin program. In 1997, the last year prior to the \$14.3 million cap, \$14.84 per child was distributed as library aid. This year's amount is \$3.20 (22 percent) less per child than the 1997 amount.

Aid is made in two payments, with one half sent to districts in January, and the other half in June. School districts that serve pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade students (PK-8) split their census count with union high school districts. The PK-8 districts receive the amount generated by children aged 4 through 13, and union high districts receive the amount generated by those children aged 14 through 19. Previously, union high schools received none of the library aid distribution.

Districts may use library aid from the Common School Fund for specific items that must be purchased for and housed in the library media center. These items include audiovisual materials, library books, newspapers, periodicals, instructional computer software, microfilm, and reference books.

Questions about the Common School Fund or the library aid distribution from

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E-Channel delivers through e-mail **DLCL begins weekly electronic newsletter**

by **Cal Potter, Administrator**
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Cal Potter

For many years the Division for Libraries and Community Learning (DLCL) in the Department of Public Instruction has published this newsletter, Channel, to share information on issues of interest to the library community. Our electronic world has brought about immense change in the way we communicate, so it was fitting that DLCL assessed how best to exchange information with libraries in the future.

This past summer and early fall a study committee, chaired by DPI Library Development Team member Peg Branson, reviewed how the Division for Libraries and Community Learning communicates with the library community, particularly the role of Channel. After surveying persons from all types of libraries as well as examining communication vehicles used by library agencies in other states, the committee compiled a thorough report and made a number of constructive recommendations. I want to thank Peg and the committee for their fine work.

Since the way we communicate is changing rapidly, there was a strong feeling that DLCL should implement some newsletter changes. Let me share with you the changes we have made.

- DLCL will continue to publish a print newsletter, but six times a year rather than the present 11 issues. This newsletter will continue to be called

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E-Channel delivers DLCL news—*from front page*

Channel and current and back issues would be available on the DLCL website in PDF. This January/February issue is the first under the new publication schedule. Articles for each issue are due the first of the preceding month (e.g., February 1st for the March/April issue).

- DLCL will publish a new weekly electronic newsletter. This newsletter is produced as a separate e-mail list available by subscription, with back issues available on the DLCL website. The electronic newsletter is called E-Channel, the DLCL Weekly Online Newsletter. E-Channel began its run in mid-January and is published each Thursday.

These two newsletter formats will allow us to provide a greater array of material to the readership of both newsletters. Channel will provide a comprehensive, detailed treatment of subjects

affecting Wisconsin libraries. It will be a record of major events, activities, legislation, technology projects, policy decisions, and reports from DLCL and library associations. Mark Ibach will continue to serve as editor.

E-Channel, the DLCL Weekly Online Newsletter, provides a brief, timely overview or highlights of information and announcements on topics of interest and significance to all types of libraries. Subscribers to WIPUBLIB, WEMA-L, and WISCAT-L have been automatically subscribed, with the option to unsubscribe if they do not want the newsletter. Announcements for others to subscribe will be widely publicized. Mark Ibach also will serve as editor of this newsletter.

Included in E-Channel will be notices for workshops and annual training, advisory, and task force meetings. Information on state and federal legislation and on technology issues or projects will

have less detail and be very timely.

We hope that as you read both these newsletters you will find DLCL is communicating effectively with the Wisconsin library and media center community. The changes we have implemented are the result of input we received during this study period, but we continue to welcome your feedback on how well we are accomplishing our communication goals. Your suggestions for articles of interest to libraries and the submittal of association material will help us serve you in the meaningful manner in which we intend. ■■

Sanders is new technology consultant

Stephen Sanders is the Department of Public Instruction's (DPI's) new Education Consultant for Instructional Technology on the Instructional Media and Technology Team in the Division for Libraries and Community Learning.

Sanders has a background in education, having classroom teaching experience and district technology coordinator experience. He also owned a software company with his father and did the programming for educational social studies software.

He served as chair of DPI's Goals 2000 Technology Task Force that developed "Wisconsin's Educational Technology Plan PK-12." For the past three years Sanders also has been chair of the State Superintendent's Advisory Committee for the Technology Literacy Challenge Fund.

Previously the technology coordinator for the Marshfield School District, Sanders has been very active in professional associations, serving on the boards of the Wisconsin Math Council, Wisconsin Educational Media Association, and the Wisconsin Society for Technology in Education.

Sanders' emphasis at DPI will be distance education and the federal E-Rate discount program for schools and libraries. ■■



Stephen Sanders



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Unsolicited articles are accepted, but will be printed only after approval from DLCL staff. Press releases of state and national library/media/educational organizations are printed when space allows and if they are considered to be of state-wide interest.

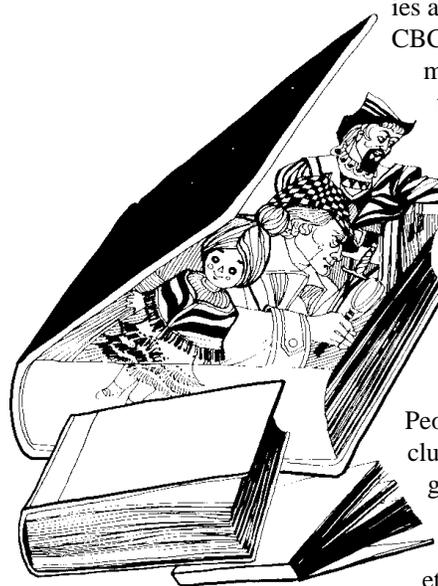
Deadlines are February 1 for the March-April issue, April 1 for the May-June issue, and so on.

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Young People's Poetry Week New annual celebration slated April 12-18

Young people's Poetry Week, a new annual event sponsored by The Children's Book Council (CBC), will be observed April 12-18, 1999. This week-long celebration of poetry for children and young adults will encourage more librarians and educators to include reading and writing poetry in their libraries and classrooms. The



CBC will coordinate promotional efforts with the Academy of American poets—sponsor of National Poetry Month in April—and the Center for the Book in The Library of Congress. Plans for Young People's Poetry Week include an inaugural program in cooperation with the Center for the Book and the Poetry and Literature Center at the Library of Congress as

well as a bibliography of new poetry books for young people.

The CBC will offer new poetry products, featuring esteemed contributors: Dr. Bernice E. Cullinan, noted educator and poetry expert; author and illustrator Chris Raschka; and the poetic talents of Arnold Adoff, Eloise Greenfield, Lee Bennett, and Karla Kuskin.

The CBC's poetry materials will be available in its full-color catalog for 1999 and on its website at <http://www.cbcbooks.org>. The poetry products are a classroom poetry kit, bookmarks, and a poster, available individually or as a kit, and "Book Poems: Poems from National Children's Book Week," collected poetry celebrating books from National Children's Book Week for the last four decades.

The Children's Book Council is a nonprofit trade association that encourages the use and enjoyment of books and related literacy materials for young people, and is the official sponsor of National Children's Book Week and Young People's Poetry Week. The Council's membership is made up of U.S. publishers and packagers of trade books for children and young adults, and producers of book-related materials for children. Proceeds from the sale of CBC materials help support the Council's literacy efforts. ■■

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Common School Fund

CSF allocations top \$14 million *-from front page*

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common.html) or directed to Brad Adams at (608) 266-2853 or Richard Sorensen at (608) 266-1924. A list of

Wisconsin public school districts and their 1999 Common School Fund Library Aid allocations follows. ■■

FY1998-99 Aid (FY1997-98 Data)

| School District | Census Count Ages 4-19 as of 6/30/98 | \$11.64 Per Child | | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Abbotsford | 945 | \$11,004.00 | Blair-Taylor | 937 | \$10,911.00 |
| Adams-Friendship Area | 2,110 | \$24,569.00 | Bloomer | 1,852 | \$21,565.00 |
| Albany | 660 | \$7,685.00 | Bonduel | 1,184 | \$13,787.00 |
| Algoma | 1,362 | \$15,859.00 | Boscobel | 1,225 | \$14,264.00 |
| Alma | 479 | \$5,578.00 | Boulder Junction J1 | 253 | \$2,946.00 |
| Alma Center | 655 | \$7,627.00 | Bowler | 837 | \$9,746.00 |
| Almond-Bancroft | 692 | \$8,058.00 | Boyceville Community | 1,066 | \$12,413.00 |
| Altoona | 1,721 | \$20,040.00 | Brighton #1 | 225 | \$2,620.00 |
| Amery | 2,226 | \$25,920.00 | Brillion | 1,396 | \$16,255.00 |
| Antigo | 3,934 | \$45,809.00 | Bristol #1 | 581 | \$6,765.00 |
| Appleton Area | 20,759 | \$241,723.00 | Brodhead | 1,558 | \$18,142.00 |
| Arcadia | 1,600 | \$18,631.00 | Brown Deer | 2,121 | \$24,697.00 |
| Argyle | 458 | \$5,333.00 | Bruce | 838 | \$9,758.00 |
| Arrowhead UHS | 2,737 | \$31,870.00 | Burlington Area | 5,065 | \$58,978.00 |
| Ashland | 3,334 | \$38,822.00 | Butternut | 350 | \$4,075.00 |
| Ashwaubenon | 4,063 | \$47,311.00 | Cadott Community | 1,240 | \$14,439.00 |
| Athens | 1,055 | \$12,285.00 | Cambria-Friesland | 668 | \$7,778.00 |
| Auburndale | 1,224 | \$14,253.00 | Cambridge | 1,185 | \$13,798.00 |
| Augusta | 1,275 | \$14,846.00 | Cameron | 1,138 | \$13,251.00 |
| Baldwin-Woodville Area | 1,598 | \$18,608.00 | Campbellsport | 2,921 | \$34,013.00 |
| Bangor | 913 | \$10,631.00 | Cashton | 1,205 | \$14,031.00 |
| Baraboo | 4,058 | \$47,252.00 | Cassville | 587 | \$6,835.00 |
| Barneveld | 615 | \$7,161.00 | Cedar Grove-Belgium Area | 1,205 | \$14,031.00 |
| Barron Area | 2,073 | \$24,139.00 | Cedarburg | 3,843 | \$44,749.00 |
| Bayfield | 716 | \$8,337.00 | Central/Westosha UHS | 1,775 | \$20,669.00 |
| Beaver Dam | 5,294 | \$61,645.00 | Chetek | 1,466 | \$17,070.00 |
| Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine | 605 | \$7,045.00 | Chilton | 1,773 | \$20,645.00 |
| Belleville | 1,044 | \$12,157.00 | Chippewa Falls Area | 7,041 | \$81,987.00 |
| Belmont Community | 504 | \$5,869.00 | Clayton | 447 | \$5,205.00 |
| Beloit | 8,582 | \$99,931.00 | Clear Lake | 885 | \$10,305.00 |
| Beloit Turner | 1,490 | \$17,350.00 | Clinton Community | 1,546 | \$18,002.00 |
| Benton | 447 | \$5,205.00 | Clintonville | 2,354 | \$27,411.00 |
| Berlin Area | 3,101 | \$36,109.00 | Cochrane-Fountain City | 942 | \$10,969.00 |
| Big Foot UHS | 740 | \$8,617.00 | Colby | 1,953 | \$22,741.00 |
| Birchwood | 401 | \$4,669.00 | Coleman | 1,199 | \$13,961.00 |
| Black Hawk | 776 | \$9,036.00 | Colfax | 1,097 | \$12,774.00 |
| Black River Falls | 2,615 | \$30,450.00 | Columbus | 1,866 | \$21,728.00 |
| | | | Cornell | 762 | \$8,873.00 |
| | | | Crandon | 1,661 | \$19,341.00 |
| | | | Crivitz | 1,232 | \$14,346.00 |
| | | | Cuba City | 1,350 | \$15,720.00 |

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| Cudahy | 4,376 | \$50,955.00 | Green Lake | 498 | \$5,799.00 |
| Cumberland | 1,469 | \$17,105.00 | Greendale | 3,018 | \$35,142.00 |
| D.C. Everest Area | 6,828 | \$79,507.00 | Greenfield | 4,317 | \$50,268.00 |
| Darlington Community | 1,221 | \$14,218.00 | Greenwood | 904 | \$10,526.00 |
| Deerfield Community | 870 | \$10,131.00 | Hamilton | 5,104 | \$59,432.00 |
| De Forest Area | 3,746 | \$43,619.00 | Hartford J1 | 2,110 | \$24,569.00 |
| Delavan-Darien | 5,037 | \$58,652.00 | Hartford UHS | 2,293 | \$26,700.00 |
| Denmark | 2,181 | \$25,396.00 | Hartland-Lakeside J3 | 1,789 | \$20,832.00 |
| De Pere | 3,660 | \$42,618.00 | Hayward Community | 3,269 | \$38,065.00 |
| De Soto Area | 847 | \$9,863.00 | Herman #22 | 185 | \$2,154.00 |
| Dodgeland | 1,293 | \$15,056.00 | Highland | 445 | \$5,182.00 |
| Dodgeville | 1,645 | \$19,155.00 | Hilbert | 905 | \$10,538.00 |
| Dover #1 | 133 | \$1,549.00 | Hillsboro | 1,063 | \$12,378.00 |
| Drummond | 669 | \$7,790.00 | Holmen | 3,787 | \$44,097.00 |
| Durand | 2,294 | \$26,712.00 | Horicon | 2,207 | \$25,699.00 |
| East Troy Community | 2,198 | \$25,594.00 | Hortonville | 3,745 | \$43,608.00 |
| Eau Claire Area | 14,550 | \$169,424.00 | Howard-Suamico | 5,348 | \$62,274.00 |
| Edgar | 955 | \$11,120.00 | Howards Grove | 1,303 | \$15,172.00 |
| Edgerton | 2,747 | \$31,987.00 | Hudson | 5,335 | \$62,122.00 |
| Elcho | 501 | \$5,834.00 | Hurley | 961 | \$11,190.00 |
| Eleva-Strum | 806 | \$9,385.00 | Hustisford | 723 | \$8,419.00 |
| Elk Mound Area | 961 | \$11,190.00 | Independence | 585 | \$6,812.00 |
| Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah | 840 | \$9,781.00 | Iola-Scandinavia | 1,012 | \$11,784.00 |
| Elkhorn Area | 3,358 | \$39,101.00 | Iowa-Grant | 1,190 | \$13,857.00 |
| Ellsworth Community | 2,457 | \$28,610.00 | Ithaca | 445 | \$5,182.00 |
| Elmbrook | 11,809 | \$137,507.00 | Janesville | 14,300 | \$166,513.00 |
| Elmwood | 541 | \$6,300.00 | Jefferson | 2,656 | \$30,927.00 |
| Elroy-Kendall-Wilton | 1,218 | \$14,183.00 | Johnson Creek | 809 | \$9,420.00 |
| Erin #2 | 398 | \$4,634.00 | Juda | 334 | \$3,889.00 |
| Evansville Community | 2,036 | \$23,708.00 | Kaukauna Area | 5,104 | \$59,432.00 |
| Fall Creek | 1,060 | \$12,343.00 | Kenosha | 25,765 | \$300,014.00 |
| Fall River | 570 | \$6,637.00 | Kettle Moraine | 5,791 | \$67,432.00 |
| Fennimore Community | 1,095 | \$12,750.00 | Kewaskum | 3,232 | \$37,634.00 |
| Flambeau | 949 | \$11,050.00 | Kewaunee | 1,602 | \$18,654.00 |
| Florence | 1,106 | \$12,879.00 | Kickapoo Area | 778 | \$9,059.00 |
| Fond du Lac | 9,736 | \$113,369.00 | Kiel Area | 1,989 | \$23,160.00 |
| Fontana J8 | 342 | \$3,982.00 | Kimberly Area | 3,845 | \$44,772.00 |
| Fort Atkinson | 3,665 | \$42,676.00 | Kohler | 546 | \$6,358.00 |
| Fox Point J2 | 1,270 | \$14,788.00 | Lac du Flambeau #1 | 627 | \$7,301.00 |
| Franklin | 5,342 | \$62,204.00 | La Crosse | 11,604 | \$135,120.00 |
| Frederic | 929 | \$10,818.00 | Ladysmith-Hawkins | 1,668 | \$19,423.00 |
| Freedom Area | 2,127 | \$24,767.00 | La Farge | 461 | \$5,368.00 |
| Friess Lake | 318 | \$3,703.00 | Lake Country | 347 | \$4,041.00 |
| Galesville-Ettrick | 1,814 | \$21,123.00 | Lake Geneva J1 | 2,397 | \$27,911.00 |
| Genoa J4 | 143 | \$1,665.00 | Lake Geneva-Genoa UHS | 1,843 | \$21,460.00 |
| Genoa City J2 | 510 | \$5,939.00 | Lake Holcombe | 629 | \$7,324.00 |
| Germantown | 5,272 | \$61,389.00 | Lake Mills Area | 1,852 | \$21,565.00 |
| Gibraltar Area | 837 | \$9,746.00 | Lakeland UHS | 1,265 | \$14,730.00 |
| Gillett | 956 | \$11,132.00 | Lancaster Community | 1,634 | \$19,027.00 |
| Gilman | 785 | \$9,141.00 | Laona | 426 | \$4,960.00 |
| Gilmanton | 327 | \$3,808.00 | Lena | 648 | \$7,545.00 |
| Glendale-Riverhills | 1,395 | \$16,244.00 | Linn J4 | 115 | \$1,339.00 |
| Glenwood City | 1,182 | \$13,764.00 | Linn J6 | 124 | \$1,444.00 |
| Glidden | 367 | \$4,273.00 | Little Chute Area | 2,257 | \$26,281.00 |
| Goodman-Armstrong | 264 | \$3,074.00 | Lodi | 1,949 | \$22,695.00 |
| Grafton | 3,558 | \$41,430.00 | Lomira | 1,617 | \$18,829.00 |
| Granton Area | 676 | \$7,872.00 | Loyal | 1,061 | \$12,355.00 |
| Grantsburg | 1,278 | \$14,881.00 | Luck | 824 | \$9,595.00 |
| Green Bay Area | 28,940 | \$336,985.00 | | | |

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| Luxemburg-Casco | 2,676 | \$31,160.00 | North Fond du Lac | 1,716 | \$19,982.00 |
| Madison Metropolitan | 33,508 | \$390,176.00 | North Lake | 457 | \$5,321.00 |
| Manawa | 1,090 | \$12,692.00 | Northern Ozaukee | 1,509 | \$17,571.00 |
| Manitowoc | 8,884 | \$103,448.00 | Northland Pines | 1,990 | \$23,172.00 |
| Maple | 1,526 | \$17,769.00 | Northwood | 449 | \$5,228.00 |
| Mapledale-Indian Hill | 684 | \$7,965.00 | Norwalk-Ontario | 702 | \$8,174.00 |
| Marathon City | 1,178 | \$13,717.00 | Norway J7 | 137 | \$1,595.00 |
| Marinette | 3,306 | \$38,496.00 | Oak Creek-Franklin | 5,753 | \$66,989.00 |
| Marion | 948 | \$11,039.00 | Oakfield | 864 | \$10,061.00 |
| Markesan | 1,584 | \$18,445.00 | Oconomowoc Area | 5,736 | \$66,791.00 |
| Marshall | 1,230 | \$14,322.00 | Oconto | 2,000 | \$23,289.00 |
| Marshfield | 6,585 | \$76,677.00 | Oconto Falls | 2,271 | \$26,444.00 |
| Mauston | 2,468 | \$28,738.00 | Omro | 1,595 | \$18,573.00 |
| Mayville | 1,902 | \$22,147.00 | Onalaska | 3,963 | \$46,146.00 |
| McFarland | 2,419 | \$28,167.00 | Oostburg | 1,527 | \$17,781.00 |
| Medford Area | 3,874 | \$45,110.00 | Oregon | 4,037 | \$47,008.00 |
| Mellen | 483 | \$5,624.00 | Osceola | 2,229 | \$25,955.00 |
| Melrose-Mindoro | 896 | \$10,433.00 | Oshkosh Area | 11,744 | \$136,750.00 |
| Menasha | 5,316 | \$61,901.00 | Osseo-Fairchild | 1,293 | \$15,056.00 |
| Menominee Indian | 1,889 | \$21,996.00 | Owen-Withee | 1,148 | \$13,368.00 |
| Menomonee Falls | 5,173 | \$60,236.00 | Palmyra-Eagle Area | 2,261 | \$26,328.00 |
| Menomonie Area | 4,759 | \$55,415.00 | Pardeeville Area | 1,384 | \$16,116.00 |
| Mequon-Thiensville | 5,305 | \$61,773.00 | Paris J1 | 207 | \$2,410.00 |
| Mercer | 294 | \$3,423.00 | Park Falls | 1,467 | \$17,082.00 |
| Merrill Area | 4,794 | \$55,823.00 | Parkview | 1,571 | \$18,293.00 |
| Merton Community | 938 | \$10,922.00 | Pecatonica Area | 676 | \$7,872.00 |
| Middleton-Cross Plains | 5,524 | \$64,323.00 | Pepin Area | 463 | \$5,391.00 |
| Milton | 3,802 | \$44,271.00 | Peshigo | 1,146 | \$13,344.00 |
| Milwaukee | 153,227 | \$1,784,215.00 | Pewaukee | 2,821 | \$32,848.00 |
| Mineral Point | 981 | \$11,423.00 | Phelps | 277 | \$3,225.00 |
| Minocqua J1 | 896 | \$10,433.00 | Phillips | 1,706 | \$19,865.00 |
| Mishicot | 1,787 | \$20,808.00 | Pittsville | 946 | \$11,015.00 |
| Mondovi | 1,385 | \$16,127.00 | Platteville | 2,121 | \$24,697.00 |
| Monona Grove | 3,188 | \$37,122.00 | Plum City | 500 | \$5,822.00 |
| Monroe | 3,483 | \$40,557.00 | Plymouth | 3,812 | \$44,388.00 |
| Montello | 947 | \$11,027.00 | Port Edwards | 663 | \$7,720.00 |
| Monticello | 472 | \$5,496.00 | Port Washington-Saukville | 3,851 | \$44,842.00 |
| Mosinee | 2,672 | \$31,113.00 | Portage Community | 3,534 | \$41,151.00 |
| Mount Horeb Area | 2,125 | \$24,744.00 | Potosi | 531 | \$6,183.00 |
| Mukwonago | 7,013 | \$81,661.00 | Poynette | 1,539 | \$17,921.00 |
| Muskego-Norway | 6,434 | \$74,919.00 | Prairie du Chien Area | 2,020 | \$23,521.00 |
| Necedah Area | 1,277 | \$14,870.00 | Prairie Farm | 489 | \$5,694.00 |
| Neenah | 9,167 | \$106,743.00 | Prentice | 878 | \$10,224.00 |
| Neillsville | 1,625 | \$18,922.00 | Prescott | 1,751 | \$20,389.00 |
| Nekoosa | 1,795 | \$20,901.00 | Princeton | 733 | \$8,535.00 |
| Neosho J3 | 290 | \$3,377.00 | Pulaski Community | 4,096 | \$47,695.00 |
| New Auburn | 407 | \$4,739.00 | Racine | 33,217 | \$386,787.00 |
| New Berlin | 6,728 | \$78,343.00 | Randall J1 | 725 | \$8,442.00 |
| New Glarus | 848 | \$9,874.00 | Randolph | 850 | \$9,898.00 |
| New Holstein | 2,523 | \$29,378.00 | Random Lake | 1,685 | \$19,621.00 |
| New Lisbon | 839 | \$9,770.00 | Raymond #14 | 429 | \$4,995.00 |
| New London | 3,548 | \$41,314.00 | Reedsburg | 3,427 | \$39,905.00 |
| New Richmond | 2,804 | \$32,651.00 | Reedsville | 1,187 | \$13,822.00 |
| Niagara | 747 | \$8,698.00 | Rhineland | 4,283 | \$49,872.00 |
| Nicolet UHS | 2,065 | \$24,045.00 | Rib Lake | 881 | \$10,259.00 |
| Norris | 119 | \$1,386.00 | Rice Lake Area | 3,602 | \$41,943.00 |
| North Cape | 243 | \$2,830.00 | Richfield J1 | 498 | \$5,799.00 |
| North Crawford | 835 | \$9,723.00 | Richland | 2,428 | \$28,272.00 |

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|------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Richmond | 434 | \$5,054.00 | Turtle Lake | 690 | \$8,035.00 |
| Rio Community | 665 | \$7,743.00 | Twin Lakes #4 | 410 | \$4,774.00 |
| Ripon | 2,034 | \$23,684.00 | Two Rivers | 3,534 | \$41,151.00 |
| River Falls | 4,158 | \$48,417.00 | Union Grove J1 | 892 | \$10,387.00 |
| River Ridge | 917 | \$10,678.00 | Union Grove UHS | 1,230 | \$14,322.00 |
| River Valley | 2,084 | \$24,267.00 | Unity | 1,697 | \$19,760.00 |
| Riverdale | 1,213 | \$14,124.00 | Valders | 1,789 | \$20,832.00 |
| Rosendale-Brandon | 1,534 | \$17,862.00 | Verona Area | 4,825 | \$56,184.00 |
| Rosholt | 976 | \$11,365.00 | Viroqua Area | 1,833 | \$21,344.00 |
| Rubicon J6 | 184 | \$2,143.00 | Wabeno Area | 831 | \$9,676.00 |
| Saint Croix Central | 1,284 | \$14,951.00 | Walworth J1 | 545 | \$6,346.00 |
| Saint Croix Falls | 1,295 | \$15,079.00 | Washburn | 1,043 | \$12,145.00 |
| Saint Francis | 1,697 | \$19,760.00 | Washington | 154 | \$1,793.00 |
| Salem #7 | 360 | \$4,192.00 | Washington-Caldwell | 398 | \$4,634.00 |
| Salem J2 | 1,090 | \$12,692.00 | Waterford J1 | 1,595 | \$18,573.00 |
| Sauk Prairie | 2,842 | \$33,093.00 | Waterford UHS | 1,137 | \$13,240.00 |
| Seneca | 560 | \$6,521.00 | Waterloo | 1,270 | \$14,788.00 |
| Sevastopol | 1,016 | \$11,831.00 | Watertown | 5,780 | \$67,304.00 |
| Seymour Community | 3,161 | \$36,808.00 | Waukesha | 21,026 | \$244,832.00 |
| Sharon J11 | 299 | \$3,482.00 | Waunakee Community | 3,316 | \$38,612.00 |
| Shawano-Gresham | 3,931 | \$45,774.00 | Waupaca | 3,427 | \$39,905.00 |
| Sheboygan Area | 13,854 | \$161,320.00 | Waupun | 3,397 | \$39,556.00 |
| Sheboygan Falls | 2,481 | \$28,889.00 | Wausau | 12,521 | \$145,798.00 |
| Shell Lake | 783 | \$9,117.00 | Wausaukee | 932 | \$10,852.00 |
| Shiocton | 945 | \$11,004.00 | Wautoma Area | 2,217 | \$25,815.00 |
| Shorewood | 2,727 | \$31,754.00 | Wauwatosa | 9,421 | \$109,701.00 |
| Shullsburg | 548 | \$6,381.00 | Wauzeka-Steuben | 516 | \$6,008.00 |
| Silver Lake J1 | 691 | \$8,046.00 | Webster | 912 | \$10,620.00 |
| Siren | 656 | \$7,639.00 | West Allis | 17,387 | \$202,459.00 |
| Slinger | 3,452 | \$40,196.00 | West Bend | 10,040 | \$116,908.00 |
| Solon Springs | 500 | \$5,822.00 | West De Pere | 2,828 | \$32,930.00 |
| Somerset | 1,435 | \$16,710.00 | West Salem | 1,940 | \$22,590.00 |
| South Milwaukee | 4,405 | \$51,293.00 | Westby Area | 1,901 | \$22,136.00 |
| South Shore | 400 | \$4,658.00 | Westfield | 1,814 | \$21,123.00 |
| Southern Door | 1,605 | \$18,689.00 | Weston | 616 | \$7,173.00 |
| Southwestern Wisconsin | 942 | \$10,969.00 | Weyauwega-Fremont | 1,602 | \$18,654.00 |
| Sparta Area | 3,714 | \$43,247.00 | Weyerhaeuser Area | 307 | \$3,575.00 |
| Spencer | 1,440 | \$16,768.00 | Wheatland J1 | 850 | \$9,898.00 |
| Spooner | 2,028 | \$23,615.00 | White Lake | 352 | \$4,099.00 |
| Spring Valley | 1,120 | \$13,042.00 | Whitefish Bay | 3,335 | \$38,834.00 |
| Stanley-Boyd Area | 1,465 | \$17,059.00 | Whitehall | 1,062 | \$12,366.00 |
| Stevens Point Area | 13,054 | \$152,004.00 | Whitewater | 2,552 | \$29,716.00 |
| Stockbridge | 401 | \$4,669.00 | Whitnall | 3,678 | \$42,828.00 |
| Stone Bank | 388 | \$4,518.00 | Wild Rose | 873 | \$10,165.00 |
| Stoughton Area | 4,915 | \$57,232.00 | Williams Bay | 651 | \$7,580.00 |
| Stratford | 1,360 | \$15,836.00 | Wilmot Grade School | 155 | \$1,805.00 |
| Sturgeon Bay | 2,068 | \$24,080.00 | Wilmot UHS | 1,337 | \$15,568.00 |
| Sun Prairie Area | 7,684 | \$89,474.00 | Winneconne Community | 2,124 | \$24,732.00 |
| Superior | 6,714 | \$78,180.00 | Winter | 587 | \$6,835.00 |
| Suring | 833 | \$9,700.00 | Wisconsin Dells | 2,339 | \$27,236.00 |
| Swallow | 311 | \$3,621.00 | Wisconsin Heights | 1,412 | \$16,442.00 |
| Thorp | 1,168 | \$13,600.00 | Wisconsin Rapids | 9,052 | \$105,404.00 |
| Three Lakes | 1,054 | \$12,273.00 | Wittenberg-Biramwood | 1,923 | \$22,392.00 |
| Tigerton | 493 | \$5,741.00 | Wonewoc-Union Center | 716 | \$8,337.00 |
| Tomah Area | 4,650 | \$54,146.00 | Woodruff J1 | 667 | \$7,767.00 |
| Tomahawk | 2,336 | \$27,201.00 | Wrightstown Community | 1,354 | \$15,766.00 |
| Tomorrow River | 1,435 | \$16,710.00 | Yorkville J2 | 418 | \$4,867.00 |
| Tri-County Area | 1,007 | \$11,726.00 | Totals | 1,228,073 | \$14,300,000.00 |

\$2.8 million awarded statewide

1999 LSTA grant recipients announced

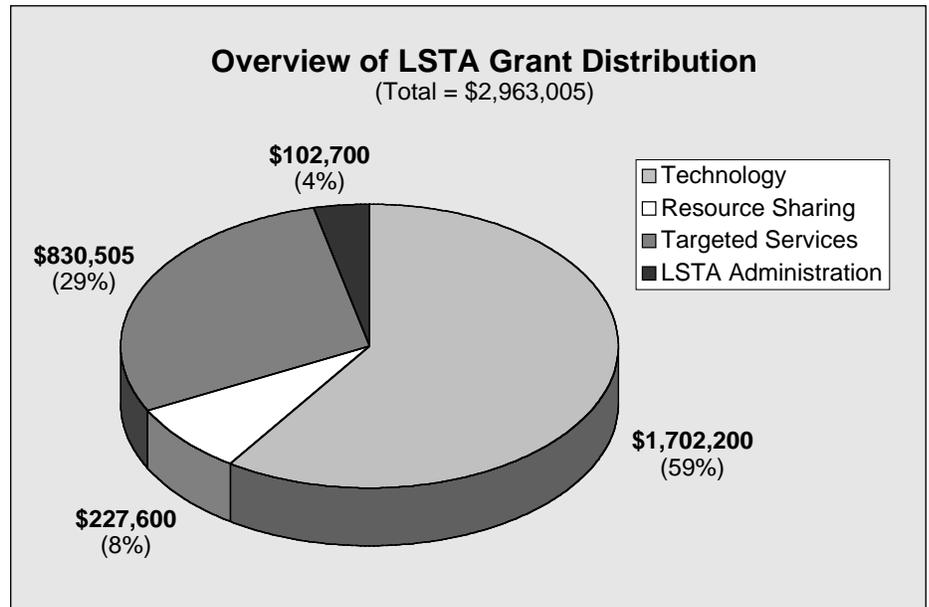
Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program grants in excess of \$2.8 million for 1999 were announced in late November. Wisconsin's LSTA allocation went to a wide variety of statewide, regional, and local projects involving all types of libraries throughout the state.

Among the statewide projects to be supported with LSTA in 1999 are the BadgerLink full-text database project begun in 1998 and a new Linked Systems project in the planning stages.

Regional projects to be supported by LSTA funds include public library system projects to improve services through technology, including funds for Internet access and shared automated systems.

"These federal dollars enable all types of libraries around the state to meet the library and information needs of state residents in ways that might not otherwise be possible," said State Superintendent John T. Benson. "The LSTA funds also will enable public libraries, in cooperation with a variety of community agencies and schools, to provide library services for youth with special needs and provide adult literacy and job information services."

The Division for Libraries and Community Learning administers Wisconsin's yearly LSTA allocation, made available through the United States Institute of Museum and Library Services. Wisconsin's FY 1999 federal LSTA funds are being distributed to public libraries, public library systems, and other agencies statewide. Because a number of projects being implemented involve groups of libraries in areas of the state, or are statewide, libraries of all types across the state are LSTA beneficiaries.



Helping staff and patrons of public libraries and public library systems locate and use information available on the Internet is the goal of some of the grant-funded projects being carried out in 1999. Some of the projects are helping provide basic Internet access for public libraries without such access, or upgrading access for public libraries from dial up to direct access. Other federal dollars are supporting access of all types of libraries to full-text databases (until the end of 1999) through the BadgerLink demonstration project and supporting the creation or enhancement of shared automated library systems. In addition to a strong focus on improving library services through technology, other LSTA funds are supporting adult literacy projects, job information projects, and reading motivation activities for youth with special needs.

The funds awarded in 1999 represent the final transition from the old Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA)

to the new LSTA. LSTA was signed into law on September 30, 1996. The only remaining LSCA funds (\$91,158) are from Title II, the construction and technology enhancement section of LSCA. These funds will be used for three system technology projects during 1999.

An overview of the LSTA funds awarded is provided in the chart above, which groups projects under the four broad LSTA purposes:

- technology;
- resource sharing;
- targeted services; and
- program administration.

More information about LSTA is available on the DLCL website (<http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dlcl>). The site also contains information about BadgerLink and the Linked Systems project.

A complete list of 1999 LSTA grant awards to individual library systems is listed on pages 9 and 10. ■

Wisconsin LSTA Grant Awards

January–December, 1999

Arrowhead Library System (Headquarters: Janesville)

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|---|-----------|
| Arrowhead Library System—Internet Access 1999 | \$ 11,504 |
| Beloit Public Library—Literacy and Library Use by Latino Families | \$ 17,685 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 29,189 |

Eastern Shores Library System (Headquarters: Sheboygan)

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|---|-----------|
| Eastern Shores Library System —Internet Access 1999 | \$ 13,574 |
| Eastern Shores Library System—Job Information Centers | \$ 15,000 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 28,574 |

Indianhead Federated Library System (Headquarters: Eau Claire)

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|---|-----------|
| Glenwood City Public Library—A Storytime Outreach Project | \$ 9,974 |
| Indianhead Library System—Direct Internet Access and Shared System Support | \$ 40,394 |
| Polk County Library Federation—Literacy Training and Job Skills Information | \$ 22,246 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 72,614 |

Kenosha County Library System (Headquarters: Kenosha)

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|---|-----------|
| Kenosha Public Library—Technology Upgrade Grant | \$ 10,028 |
| Kenosha Public Library—Services to the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha | \$ 14,109 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 24,137 |

Lakeshores Library System (Headquarters: Racine)

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| Lakeshores Library System—Linking Magic | \$ 17,288 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 17,288 |

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (Headquarters: Manitowoc)

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|---|-----------|
| Manitowoc-Calumet Library System—Direct Internet Access | \$ 10,074 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 10,074 |

Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (Headquarters: Fond du Lac)

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|---|-----------|
| Mid-Wisconsin Library System—Technological Integration | \$ 26,896 |
| Waupun Public Library—JobSpot: Waupun's Work Connection | \$ 9,000 |
| West Bend Community Memorial Library—Steps to Reading | \$ 13,140 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 49,036 |

Milwaukee County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Milwaukee)

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|---|------------|
| Greendale Public Library—Materials for Youth with Special Needs | \$ 9,025 |
| Milwaukee County Library System—Internet Access Hardware | \$ 50,179 |
| Milwaukee County Library System—House of Correction Library Project | \$ 43,260 |
| Milwaukee County Library System—Serving Children with Special Needs | \$ 14,950 |
| Milwaukee Public Library—Lifenet II: Computer Training | \$ 75,000 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 192,414 |

Nicolet Federated Library System (Headquarters: Green Bay)

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| Brown County Library—Homework Help Center | \$ 26,958 |
| Nicolet Library System—Adding Libraries to the Shared System | \$ 34,355 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 61,313 |

Northern Waters Library Service (Headquarters: Ashland)

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|---|------------|
| Mercer Public Library—Job Skills and Life Management Center | \$ 19,025 |
| Northern Waters Library—Service Merlin: Northern Waters Shared System | \$ 29,139 |
| Northern Waters Library Service—Delivery Demonstration Project | \$ 40,000 |
| Northern Waters Library Service—Mazinaigan Ogimaa Youth Project | \$ 26,243 |
| Shell Lake Public Library—Time with a Book | \$ 16,682 |
| Spoooner Memorial Library—“First Steps” | \$ 9,975 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 141,064 |

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| Outagamie Waupaca Library System (Headquarters: Appleton) | |
| Outagamie Waupaca Library System—Telecommunications Equipment Upgrade | \$ 16,245 |
| Outagamie Waupaca Library System—Juvenile Detention Center Materials | \$ 11,150 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 27,395 |
| South Central Library System (Headquarters: Madison) | |
| Dane County Library Service—Outreach Services to At-Risk Youth | \$ 13,250 |
| Madison Public Library—Readmobile | \$ 49,450 |
| Monona Public Library—Kits for Kids | \$ 1,977 |
| South Central Library System—Technology Projects | \$ 49,984 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 114,661 |
| Southwest Wisconsin Library System (Headquarters: Fennimore) | |
| Southwest Wisconsin Library System—System Technology Project | \$ 17,170 |
| Southwest Wisconsin Library System—Partnerships for Progress | \$ 25,449 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 42,619 |
| Waukesha Co. Federated Library System (Headquarters: Waukesha) | |
| Waukesha County Library System—Linking/Sharing Library Resources | \$ 20,582 |
| Waukesha County Library System—Waukesha County Jail Library | \$ 8,300 |
| Waukesha County Library System—Read and Play Today | \$ 24,886 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 53,768 |
| Winding Rivers Library System (Headquarters: La Crosse) | |
| La Crosse Public Library—Continuation of Library Connection at Childcare Sites | \$ 6,292 |
| Viroqua, McIntosh Memorial Library—Portable Word Processing for Everyone | \$ 8,220 |
| Winding Rivers Library System—West Central Shared Automation Pilot | \$ 27,291 |
| Winding Rivers Library System —Job Information for Jail Residents | \$ 8,307 |
| Winding Rivers Library System—Resources for At-Risk Youth | \$ 13,745 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 63,855 |
| Winnefox Library System (Headquarters: Oshkosh) | |
| Oshkosh Public Library—Improved Literacy Services for the Hmong Community | \$ 14,998 |
| Winnefox Library System—Technology Improvements Project | \$ 17,005 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 32,003 |
| Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau) | |
| Marathon County Public Library—Helping the Job Seeker | \$ 25,554 |
| Marathon County Public Library—Targeting Library Services to Southeast Asians | \$ 16,251 |
| Wisconsin Valley Library Service—Telecommunications Network and Shared Automation | \$ 33,592 |
| Wisconsin Valley Library Service—Library Services for At-Risk Teens | \$ 26,923 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 102,320 |
| State-Level / Statewide Projects | |
| Department of Corrections—Coordination of Institution Library Services | \$ 35,000 |
| Department of Corrections—Prison Library as Career Information Center | \$ 28,988 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Technology | 291,900 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—WISCAT | \$ 535,000 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Linked Systems Project | \$ 150,000 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Full-text Database Project | \$ 300,000 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Resource Sharing | 172,600 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Delivery Services Project | \$ 15,000 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Targeted Services | \$ 155,200 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—Special Needs Youth Initiative | \$ 5,000 |
| Libraries and Community Learning—LSTA Administration | \$ 102,700 |
| Oakhill Correctional Institution—Tutoring: Preparing Offenders to Function in Society | \$ 4,293 |
| Southern Oaks Girls School—Library Enhancement Project II | \$ 5,000 |
| Total Awarded: | \$ 1,800,681 |

Public Library Services for Youth with Special Needs: A Plan for Wisconsin

Effort to improve services to underserved groups

The purpose of *Public Library Services for Youth with Special Needs: A Plan for Wisconsin* is to improve library services to low income children and teens and those with disabilities. Its primary focus is on public libraries, since that's where service to youth with special needs begins.

The plan document, which was distributed to the public library community in December, included a survey to assist librarians in suggesting changes to the plan before it was finalized.

The survey form was in two sections, the first of which asked for suggestions for changes and additions to the plan itself. The second asked which of the six goals the responding library or system would place as priorities in the next several years. Half of the systems and a number of public libraries sent in completed surveys. Most of the responses focused on the second part of the survey: what goals and activities their library or system would focus on in serving youth with special needs.

Armed with suggestions from the library community, the Special Needs Task Force met for the last time on January 25 to revise the plan. There are six goals in the plan:

- planning;
- staff training;
- diversifying services, materials and equipment;
- collaboration;
- accessibility/outreach; and
- marketing.

Based on an analysis of the surveys, collaboration and marketing tied as the top priority for individual libraries, with diversifying services, materials and equipment and marketing following closely on their heels. Systems cited diversifying services, materials

and equipment as their top priority, with three ties for second place: collaboration, accessibility/outreach, and marketing. The results of the surveys will be used by the Division and the LSTA Advisory Committee as they design the Special Needs Youth category for the year 2000.

Many of the comments about the contents of the draft plan centered on the one page list of "Basic Steps," which are activities that a library can undertake without much time or money. This section will be renamed "Getting Started in a Few Minutes a Week" in the final document.

The plan made its debut at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference in October, and it also will be the subject of a program at the Wisconsin Association of Public Librarians Conference in Appleton on April 30.

During the October conference, Sonja Ackerman of the Marathon County Library and Claudia Backus of the Waukesha County Library System, members of the Youth with Special Needs Task Force, talked about their current services to youth with special needs and about their anticipated use of the plan. Sonja and Claudia addressed the collaboration goal in the plan (see below), discussing how their libraries' cooperation with groups serving youths with disabilities had resulted not only in enhanced library service for children with disabilities, but also in excellent public relations for their institutions.

In addition to the plan itself, the publication includes information about the demographics of Wisconsin youth with special needs, a section on possible agencies with which libraries can cooperate, and a bibliography. There also are descriptions of federally funded projects for youth with special needs

that have been implemented recently in Wisconsin. Also included are results of the 1997 statewide survey of library services to youth with special needs, which asked libraries about their locally funded programs for youth with special needs.

The six goals are arranged in the order in which a library would implement them: planning; staff training; diversifying services, materials and equipment; collaborating; ensuring physically accessible library buildings; developing outreach programs; and marketing libraries. Under each public library objective there are suggested activities. Core activities—those that a library of any size can take to reach out to youth with special needs—are indicated with an asterisk in the goals and are also listed separately. There also are objectives for public library systems and for the Division for Libraries and Community Learning, which are designed to support the public library objectives and activities.

The plan document is on the DLCL website at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/pld/doc/ysnpl.html>. If you have questions or comments about the plan, contact Frances de Usabel at (608) 266-0419 or deusafe@mail.state.wi.us.

Supported Parenting Project Kits

The resource collections developed for public libraries by the Supported Parenting Project, which is part of the UW-Extension, are one example of collaboration that enhances library collections and is of benefit to users with special needs. With funding from the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, staff from the Supported Parenting Project developed multimedia kits that have been given to the Ref-

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R&LL staff work hard to fill video requests

The reference staff at the Reference and Loan Library (R&LL) are very diligent in their efforts to find videocassettes to fill the video subject requests. We make heavy use of the library's own collection, examining materials more closely for content information than standard cataloging descriptions allow or provide. We request from other video lending collections when possible and also suggest new items for the R&LL collection based on the requests, our searches, and our determination of what is and is not available for loan from other libraries.

Items suggested for acquisition by reference staff may have been identified during a subject search using databases, the Internet, or printed reference tools. The materials are somewhat specialized, but at the same time are on topics that have been, or are likely to be requested again. They are on topics for which video would provide an appropriate format for learning. At the time of selection, the materials do not duplicate resources available for inter-library loan from other Wisconsin libraries. The materials sometimes come from

obscure sources and may be hard to acquire, and requests from other libraries asking Reference and Loan to share purchase information have not been uncommon.

This is one of the ways that Reference and Loan's video collection has been enriched with some unusual and less commonly available titles. Many of them are special interest "how to" materials, including titles on such varied topics as wheelchair sports, barrel racing, calf and trick roping, taxidermy, hand drumming, moldmaking, straw bale construction, emu farming, ostrich processing, piano tuning, and primitive bow and arrow making.

Listed here is a sampling of videocassettes acquired for the collection, illustrating the range and diversity of topics needed to fill requests for "how-to" information. WISCAT, Wisconsin's statewide database of library holdings, may be searched for further description of these titles as well as for

videocassettes on other subjects.

The Art of the Didgeridoo (Media Kinetics Video; 60 minutes) (VHS V-6548 (024961))—Teacher and maker Allan Shockley describes the history and construction of the ancient Aboriginal didgeridoo and gives four lessons in the art and joy of playing the instrument. Performances by other players using different styles and techniques also are shown. (This program is licensed for home use only.)

College of Piping Tutor, Part I (MacKinnon Productions; 60

minutes; with book and sound cassette) (VHS V-6686 (025118))—Seumas MacNeill, principal of the College of Piping in Glasgow, Scotland, instructs students in finger movements for the practice chanter, from the basic scale through the various grips and doublings, in order to prepare the beginner to play simple tunes on the bagpipe.

Ginseng Production: A Visual Primer [and] Harvesting, Cleaning, Drying and Marketing Ginseng (Cooperative Extension Service, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture; 37 minutes) (VHS V-6275 (024592)) are two programs on one videocassette

covering basic methods of harvesting, culturing, handling, grading, and marketing American ginseng. The first program presents an overview of the tasks involved in producing ginseng and discusses differences between artificial shade cultured ginseng and wild uncultivated ginseng. The second program presents more detail on the processes related to preparing wild or cultivated ginseng for selling.

GRS Engraving Methods & Techniques (GRS Corporation; 2 videocassettes: 233 minutes) (VHS V-6317 (024737))—Engraver Don Glaser teaches methods and techniques of metal engraving and shares some technical secrets used by successful engravers. He covers hand, chasing hammer, and power-assisted engraving methods and shows examples of engraved firearms, jewelry, and presentation pieces.

How To Service Your Own Tube Amplifier (Media Concepts;

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erence and Loan Library and to the public library systems for placement at their resource libraries.

The kits are designed for use by new parents who are developmentally disabled and by staff working with the parents, and include books, pamphlets, workbooks, and videos. Professionals working with families headed by persons with developmental disabilities have used most of the materials for several years. Most of the titles are written in easy-to-understand language, and also would be of interest to any parents with low-level reading skills. Each kit includes a binder that provides ordering information for each item in

the collection.

In January, the staff of the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities and the UW-Extension publicized the availability of the kits in public libraries to parents and professionals. The kits are cataloged on OCLC and available through interlibrary loan. If you have any questions about this project, please contact your system special needs consultant or Frances de Usabel.

Governor's Office of Literacy and Lifelong Learning Literacy Awards

In November 1998, the Governor's Office of Literacy and Lifelong Learning announced its 1998/1999 literacy

grants. Public libraries and adult literacy providers are eligible for funding under this grant program, the purpose of which is collection development and collaboration with local day care centers. There were 48 grant applications from 32 libraries and 16 adult literacy providers totaling \$42,246. Thirty-five grants were funded with the available \$28,000. Public libraries received funding for 27 projects, with the grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. For more information, contact Barbara Manthei, director of the Governor's Office of Literacy and Lifelong Learning, at (608) 266-9709. ■■

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with book) (VHS V-2425 (022989))—Electronic technician Tom Mitchell teaches how to handle most servicing problems of tube amplifiers. The program includes an introduction to basic electronics, discussion of how tubes and transformers work, understanding speakers, amplifier circuit basics, biasing, tools, using schematic diagrams, using voltage charts, and more.

Indian Hide Tanning (Trust for Native American Cultures and Crafts; 35 minutes) (VHS V-2156 (022835)) describes the methods used by Cree Indians in northern Quebec in the tanning of moose and caribou hides. Shown are the uses of traditional bone and steel tools, and moccasins, mittens, and snowshoes made from prepared skins.

Japanese Waterstones (Taunton Press) (VHS V-6100 (024195))—Furniture maker and restorer William Tandy Young describes how he maintains his waterstones and demonstrates using them to sharpen tools.

Knitting Mail With Chained Lynx (Brella Productions; 35 minutes) (VHS V-6233 (024484))—Craft artist Connie Gilbert teaches the beginning steps of knitting chain mail which can be used for clothing, jewelry and accessories. She describes tools and hand protection, and demonstrates basic weaves including the European four-in-one, the European six-in-one, the corduroy weave, the king's braid, the Oriental four-in-one, and the Oriental six-in-one.

A Step By Step Guide to Molding Fiberglass (Fibre Glast Development Corporation; 45 minutes) (VHS V-3007

(023607)) contains demonstrations of fiberglass molding and techniques that apply to both small and large objects. The molding of a model aircraft cowling is shown, from constructing the plug, to building the mold, to fabricating the part.

What You Should Know About Your Pan Head (Video Manuals; 90 minutes) (VHS V-3046 (023643)) describes and demonstrates the tune up, adjustments and maintenance for a pan head motor on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Wheelchair Basketball Video (Paralyzed Veterans of America; 2 videocassettes: 223 minutes; with book) (VHS V-3040 (023637))—Coaches Brad Hedrick, Dan Byrnes, and Lew Shaver teach players, coaches, and teams the individual skills and team play of wheelchair basketball.

Libraries and media centers of all types may call or send requests for videocassettes directly to the Reference and Loan Library or they may send them through regular interlibrary loan channels. Organizations and businesses, teachers at kindergarten through 12th grade schools, faculty and staff at academic institutions, and state agency employees also may choose between contacting R&LL directly or sending interloan requests through their libraries.

The Reference and Loan telephone number for direct video requests is (888) 542-5543 or (608) 224-6169. The fax number is (608) 224-6178. All other users, including individual borrowers, should request materials on interlibrary loan through their public library rather than contacting Reference and Loan directly. The call numbers and booking system numbers included in the citations in this column may be referred to when requesting videocassettes from Reference and Loan. ■■

Upcoming Events

Windows to the Past

Annual children's literature conference set April 9-10

The University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension and the School of Library and Information Studies will hold its biennial children's literature conference April 9-10, 1999, at the Memorial Union and the Pyle Center (formerly The Wisconsin Center).

Speakers for this year's conference were chosen for the way their works fits the theme of exploration of history and sense of place, both in fiction and nonfiction, in an inclusive way. Questions that helped guide speaker selection include:

- How is a sense of place given authenticity in story?
- How accurate must minor background details be in the settings of historical fiction and nonfiction?
- Is historical fiction an appropriate means of explaining history to youngsters?
- Is it true that historical fiction and

nonfiction reveal as much of the time in which it is written as of the time written about?

- What's missing in the body of historical literature for children?
- In addition to literature, what library and classroom activities enhance the subject for children and young adults?



The registration cost for the two-day conference is \$170, which includes one lunch and the reception. Registration is limited to 325 participants, and registration forms must be submitted no later than March 15, 1999.

For more information, or to obtain

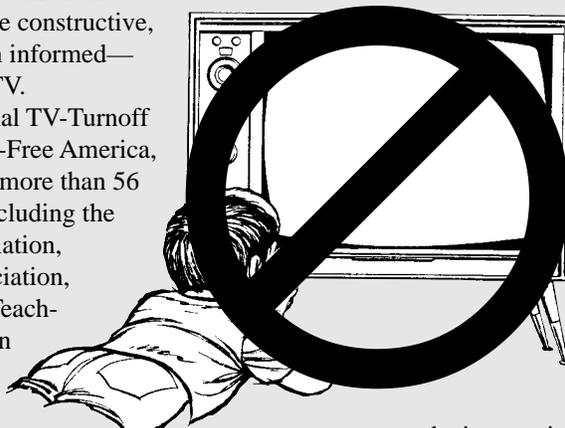
registration materials, contact Linda Mundt at (608) 263-4452 (LEMundt@facstaff.wisc.edu. You can also visit the website at <http://polyglot.lss.wisc.edu/slis/ces/children.htm>. ■■

7 million expected participants

National TV-Turnoff Week scheduled April 22-28

During the week of April 22-28, 1999, an expected 7 million individuals across the country will voluntarily turn off their TV sets for 7 days and rediscover that life can be more constructive, rewarding, healthy—even informed—with more time and less TV.

The fifth annual National TV-Turnoff Week, coordinated by TV-Free America, is endorsed/supported by more than 56 national organizations, including the American Medical Association, National Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and American Library Association.



The success of the previous National TV-Turnoff Weeks demonstrates that a solid one-week recess from TV helps establish conditions that allow for more family interaction, reading, volunteering, exercising, enjoyment of nature, playing of sports, thinking, creating, and doing.

To learn how you can organize a TV-Turnoff in your family, school, library, or community, contact: TV-Free America, 1611 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 3A, Washington, DC 20009; (202) 887-0436 (e-mail to tvf@essential.org), or visit their website at <http://www.tvfa.org>.

For a \$10 donation TVFA will provide an organizer's kit that includes a guidebook, posters, bumper stickers, pledge cards,

substitute activities, articles, essays, and much more. ■■

Author Marquerite Henry named to Milwaukee Public Library's Wisconsin Writers Wall of Fame

Marguerite Henry, who was born and grew up in Milwaukee, is the 1998 honoree of the Milwaukee Public Library's Wisconsin Writers Wall of Fame. Author of 60 books for children, Henry is best known for her horse stories.

She received the 1949 Newbery Medal, the most distinguished award in children's literature, for "King of the Wind" (1948) and Newbery honor awards for other books, including "Misty of the Chincoteague" (1947), her most well known story.

Born April 13, 1902, Henry was the youngest of five children. At the age of 7 she suffered an illness that kept her confined indoors, at which time she discovered that reading was a door to the world and decided to become a writer. She sold her first story to a woman's magazine at age 11, beginning a writing career that spanned 80 years.

She graduated from Riverside High School and attended Milwaukee State Teacher's College. Her plans for a career in journalism were interrupted when she met and married Sidney Crocker Henry. Henry, who based her stories on fact, often stressed the importance of research and used libraries extensively when researching her books.

Although the Henrys had no children of their own, the small ranch in Illinois where they lived with Misty and other animals was a magnet for children who came to visit from miles around. Sidney Henry died in 1987, and Marguerite died at her California home Nov. 26, 1997.

"Misty of the Chincoteague" follows the life and adventures of a real pony that as a foal made the swim from the Virginia Barrier Island of Assateague and was sold at the now famous auction that has been held every July since 1926. "Misty" sold more than 1 million copies, led to several sequels, and was made into a movie in 1961.

"King of the Wind" is the story of Sham, a Godolphin Arabian stallion

who was one of the thoroughbred breed's foundation sires. Other well-known horse books by Henry include "Sea Star" (1949), "Brighty of the Grand Canyon" (1953), "Justin Morgan Had a Horse" (1954), "The White Stallions of Pipizza" (1964), and "Misty's Twilight" (1992). Henry's books have been translated into 12 languages, and several were made into movies. Henry received numerous awards throughout her lifetime.

The Milwaukee Public Library's Writers Wall of Fame was established in 1997 to pay tribute to and remind readers about outstanding Wisconsin authors. Marguerite Henry joins August Derleth, Edna Ferber, Zona Gale, Hamlin Garland, Aldo Leopold, John Muir, Lorine Niedecker, Sterling North, Ellen Raskin, Carl Sandburg, Laura Ingalls Wilder and Thornton Wilder who were inducted into the Writers Wall of Fame last year. ■■

DPI requests introduction of three library-related bills

In addition to the library initiatives included in the State Superintendent's 1999-2001 state budget request, the Department of Public Instruction is requesting the introduction of three library related bills in the current legislative session. The Council on Library and Network Development and the Wisconsin Library Association also are requesting introduction of the three bills, which are listed below. Other library organizations also may join the request to introduce the bills. Legislative sponsors for the bills are currently being sought.

A Bill to Provide Public Library Nonresident Service Incentive Aid — This bill would establish a program to provide payments to public libraries for lending library materials directly to nonresident patrons at approximately 50 cents per item loaned, and requests \$15,065,900 for the biennium to pay for the program. This bill is a reintroduction of SB 259, which came out of the legislative council study committee and only passed the Senate in the last session.

A Bill to Revise Public Library System Service Requirements — This bill would revise language in section 43.24 of the Wisconsin Statutes relating to public library system requirements. The revisions would eliminate unnecessary language and simplify existing service requirements.

A Bill to Make Changes in the TEACH Wisconsin Program — This bill would revise language relating to the TEACH Wisconsin Program to better meet the needs of public libraries, public library systems, and schools. Changes include:

- Expanding the purposes for which public libraries, public library systems, and schools can use loans from the TEACH Wisconsin loan program.
- Clearly making public library systems eligible for telecommunications discounts.
- Making branch libraries of public libraries eligible for telecommunications discounts.
- Making the state schools for the blind and the deaf eligible for telecommunications discounts.
- Making public library systems eligible to apply directly for competitive grants for staff development and technical assistance. ■■

Around Wisconsin

People

Vicky Billings is now the resources librarian and **Jan Doxtator** the assistant director/reference librarian at the Portage County Public Library in Stevens Point.

JoAnn Dent is the new director of the Elkhart Lake Public Library.

Nancy Ausman Dhatt is the new director of the Barron Public Library.

Tim Dirks is the new assistant library director at the Cedarburg Public Library.

Guy Hankel is the new librarian at Madison Public Library's Monroe Street Branch. He was formerly at the Pinney Branch.

Thomas J. Hennen Jr. is the new director of the Waukesha County Federated Library System. He previously served as director of the Lakeshores Library System.

Mary Janeck is the new director of the Columbus Public Library. She previously worked at the St. Mary's Hospital Library in Madison.

Kirsten Martindale, children's librarian at the Menomonie Public Library, resigned in November.

Nancy Miller is the new director of the C.A. Friday Memorial Public Library in New Richmond. She had been children's library director at the River Falls Public Library.

Rosalie Ness is the new director of the Albany Public Library. She replaces **Mary Ann Sucharski**, who retired.

Treva Solum, director of the Rice Lake Public Library, will retire June 30, 1999.

Maureen Welch is the new interlibrary loan coordinator at the Indianhead Federated Library System in Eau Claire. She had been interlibrary loan program manager at the Wisconsin Interlibrary Loan Service in Madison.

Ann Wilcox, Columbus Public Library children's librarian, recently resigned to become the librarian at Maranatha Bible College in Watertown.

Ruth Wittenwyler, Monticello Public Library aide and past director, recently retired.

Places

The **Spring Valley Public Library** moved into the former Village Elementary School August 31, and remodeling was completed in December. Library Director Doris Ronnander said her best day of circulation since the move is equal to one month's circulation in the old library. The new street address is E121 South 2 Street, Spring Valley, WI 54767, but the phone number, P.O. Box, and e-mail are unchanged. ■

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